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CARSON CITY MAN CHARGED WITH
USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT SEX
WITH MINOR GIRL IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that TIMOTHY CRAIG RANDALL, 58, of Carson City, Nevada was arraigned today in U.S. District Court in Sacramento on a federal indictment charging him with an attempt to commit lewd acts with a minor female and traveling in interstate commerce with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor female.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, and the Douglas County, Nevada Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that RANDALL used the Internet and the telephone to entice an individual he believed was a 13 year-old South Lake Tahoe girl to engage in lewd sexual acts. The indictment also alleges that RANDALL traveled from Nevada to South Lake Tahoe for the purpose of committing illicit sexual activity with the person whom he believed was a minor. RANDALL previously was charged by the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office with state charges related to the same conduct. While on bail on those charges, RANDALL fled and was subsequently arrested in South Dakota. The California state charges have been dismissed pending the federal case.

RANDALL faces a minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 30 years imprisonment on the charge of using an interstate facility to induce a minor to engage in lewd sexual activity, and up to 30 years in prison for the charge of traveling in interstate commerce to have sexual contact with a minor. Today, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gregory G. Hollows entered an order denying bail for RANDALL. RANDALL's next court date is before U.S. District Court Judge Edward J. Garcia on September 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

The United States Attorney's Office noted that the charges are only accusations, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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